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"Thus far this season I have not been called to a case of plague, and the disease does not yet appear to be increasing here. The form prevailing at the prison is the abdominal variety. There have been no dead rats found at any of the houses where I have visited.

"As to treatment pursued in past years, I may say that I have simply followed the leading of reports and journals but with no success. The Chinese have no treatment.

"I trust to be able to give a more useful report within the coming months.

"Any reports or circulars relating to the plague will be acceptable and useful and I ask that such may be sent me if possible.

"Respectfully,

"W. H. DOBSON,
Surgeon, A. P. M."

HON. ROBERT M. MCWADE,
United States Consul, Canton.

On February 16, 1902, I cabled the following summary of the foregoing:

"SECRETARY OF STATE, Washington, D. C.: Plague increasing Shuitung, over 60 deaths Yeung Kong; Canton free.—MCWADE."

I am, indeed, glad to be able to add that the plague has not yet appeared either in Canton or its immediate vicinity.

Respectfully,

ROBERT M. MCWADE,
United States Consul.

HON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

Cholera epidemic at Honan.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D. C., April 10, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to advise you for the information of the U. S. Marine-Hospital Service that the Department is in receipt of a telegram from the consul of the United States at Canton, China, which reads as follows: "Cholera epidemic at Honan, almost disappeared Canton."

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

HON. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

CUBA.

Reports from Cienfuegos, Casilda, and Santa Cruz del Sur.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, March 31, 1902.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for the island of Cuba, I have the honor to forward the following weekly report of transactions in the district under my command, for the week ended March 29, 1902:

Fifteen deaths have occurred in this city. Of these, 2 occurred in the civil hospital. No contagious diseases reported. Causes of death as follows: Enteritis, 3; tuberculosis, 3; sclerosis, arterial, 2; cancer, 1; old age, 1; gastro-enteritis, 1; hypertrophy of the heart, 1; peritonitis, 1; pneumonia, 1, and bronchitis, 1. Death rate per 1,000 inhabitants, 19.55.

One of the 2 patients left in hospital, this city, from the battleship *Indiana*, was shipped to the United States on the steamship *Segurança*, March 26. This patient was suffering from syphilis. Fourteen vessels were inspected, passed, and granted pratique; 3 vessels admitted without inspection; 1 vessel (the U. S. S. *Dolphin*) boarded and passed; 20 bills of health issued vessels leaving this port, and 8 alien steerage passengers inspected and allowed to land.

Casilda.—Acting Asst. Surg. Alejandro Cantero reports 5 deaths in the city of Trinidad. No contagious diseases reported. Eleven vessels inspected, passed, and granted pratique; 11 bills of health issued vessels leaving port of Casilda, and no alien steerage passengers landed at that port.